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Motor Transport Co-operative Societies for Ex-servicemen.

* 654 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state— 8-40 a.m.

(*a*) how many Motor Transport Co-operative Societies for Ex-servicemen there are in the State ;

(*b*) whether a separate Deputy Registrar is in charge of these Societies; and

(*c*) the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) There are ten societies. Registration of one of these has been cancelled recently.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

Cycle allowance to constables.

* 655 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cycles taken on hire by the various police stations in the City of Madras for patrol in nights in the year 1952;

(*b*) the amount paid for hiring the cycles; and

(*c*) why the Government do not pay a cycle allowance to the constables instead of paying hiring charges?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Thirty-six cycles were taken on hire for night patrol by the various police stations in Madras City during 1952 at a total cost of Rs. 2,487-2-0 (rupees two thousand four hundred and eighty-seven and annas two only).

" (*c*) The situation could not have been met by paying a cycle allowance to the constables as most of them did not have cycles of their own, and as all of them had to do patrol duty by turns."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" சென்னையில் patrol duty-க்காக கான்ஸ்டேபிள்கள் அதிகமான பணத்தைச் செலவழிக்கிறார்கள். அதே நேரத்தில் சைக்கிள் கடைகளுக்கு வாடகைப் பணம் போய்ச் சேருவதும் கிடையாது. எனவே, இனியாவது, கான்ஸ்டேபிள்களுக்கு சைக்கில் அலவன்ஸ் கொடுப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The system of hiring cycles has been given up and we have now provided them with departmental cycles."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, I want to know whether the Government would advance money to the constables on a hire-purchase system."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put. As far as I remember, there is some provision for advancing money for this purpose."

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DR. K. B. MENON :—" Do Government maintain cycles in mufassal police stations? As the area that these stations have to cover is very large, will it not be desirable that one cycle at least is maintained for each Circle? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the main question is with reference to the City. I cannot answer off-hand the question with reference to mufassal stations."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, I fail to understand how a constable going on cycle can patrol the streets of the City efficiently, for constables are expected to patrol the streets by walking and parambulating on the roads. Will Government consider the question of doing away with the system of constables going on cycles for patrol? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, as a layman I am unable to agree with the suggestion made by the hon. Member. Anyhow, I shall ask the department to consider this question also."

Sinking of artesian wells under the supervision of Mr. L. B. Riggins.

* 656 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many artesian wells were sunk under the supervision of Mr. L. B. Riggins, the F.A.O. Well Drilling Expert;

(*b*) how many department drillers were trained by him; and

(*c*) the expenditure incurred for the services of Mr. L. B. Riggins?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) One artesian and three sub-artesian wells.

" (*b*) two Drillers; four Assistant Drillers and three Assistant Driller Trainees.

" (*c*) Rs. 17,284."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, the number of non-departmental drillers trained, if any, and whether they were employed? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the following staff were trained :—

(1) One Inspector of Power Drills.

(2) One Supervisor.

(3) One Assistant Driller in charge.

(4) One Assistant Driller.

(5) Three Assistant Driller Trainees.

(6) One Mechanic from Vijayavada division."